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1st April 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I write to update you on the coronavirus situation at the College, and in terms of the changes to HM Government advice that come into effect from today, 1 April 2022.

National Arrangements for 'Living with COVID from 1 April

The Department for Health and Social Care (DHSC) released this information this week <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-sets-out-next-steps-for-living-with-covid> on the 'next steps for living with COVID'. The Department for Education have also clarified how 'living with COVID' will apply to schools. The key points and changes that come into effect from today are as follows:

Coronavirus (COVID-19) tests are no longer freely available, including to schools, and routine testing will no longer be expected in schools.

Adults with a positive COVID-19 test result are now advised to try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days. This of course applies to College staff.

School students with a positive COVID-19 test result are now advised to try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days. This means that all students currently isolating can return to school on Monday 4 April, if of course they do not have a high temperature and are well enough to attend.

Adults with symptoms of a respiratory infection, including COVID-19, and a high temperature or who feel unwell, are advised to try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people, until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature.

Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people, where they can. They can return to school when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.

It is deemed 'sensible' to wear a mask in enclosed spaces, keep indoor spaces ventilated and stay away from others if you have any symptoms of a respiratory illness, including COVID.

Children and young people aged 5 and over are encouraged to get vaccinated, although the in-school COVID-19 vaccination programme will come to an end.

I would like to reassure you that the health and safety of our students and staff continues to be paramount. We will continue to maintain our enhanced control measures to mitigate the transmission of the virus on site, as outlined in our previous letters, and will continue to monitor the situation in the College carefully.

Once again, I would like to thank you very much in advance for your ongoing support. Should you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

With my warmest wishes,

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tristan Muller-Forster'.

Tristan Muller-Forster
Principal